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1. Discussed the status of the Mansfield Resolution with Senator Hayden. The Senator informed me that he has sent separate letters indicating his opposition to the bill to all co-sponsors of the Mansfield Resolution, every member of the House who has entered a resolution for a Joint Committee, every member of the Hoover Commission and of the Clark Task Force, and every member of the President's Board of Consultants. He indicated that he has received some replies, including an interesting one from Senator George who said that he did not even recall having added his name to the list of co-sponsors. I asked the Senator whether he felt we should make any effort to contact Senator Lyndon Johnson, and he advised against it on the grounds that Senator Johnson was extremely busy and had just returned from a vacation at home. Senator Hayden evidently plans to talk to Senator Johnson at an appropriate moment. He further advised me that he felt the Senate was going to be wrapped up with other important business for several weeks, and that it was unlikely that action would be taken on the Mansfield Resolution in the near future. He will keep us advised when and if something starts happening.

2. The Director signed letters to Gov. Stanley of Virginia; Senators Hayden, Chavez, Bridges, Russell, Saltonstall, Beall, and Butler; Congressmen Short, Cannon, Taber, and Mahon, attaching his recent correspondence with Mr. Bartholomew of the National Capital Planning Commission and indicating that we were moving forward with plans and preliminary work towards establishing our headquarters at Langley. Colonel White has called the offices of Senators Robertson and Byrd and Congressman Broyhill, and has indicated to the Senators that the Director would like very much to visit them and discuss the building problem. The Director is being urged to call Chairman Vinson and advise him personally of his decision.

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